



THE PERRY POST

Senator Keith Perry
FL District 9

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Friends,

As we approach the final weeks of Regular Session, I would like to thank you all for taking the time to reach out to our office to express your opinions/concerns. Your feedback is a critical part of the decisions I make and helps me be better represent the values of North Central Florida. Several of our bills have already passed on the Senate floor and we're excited to finish strong! If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

W. Keith Perry



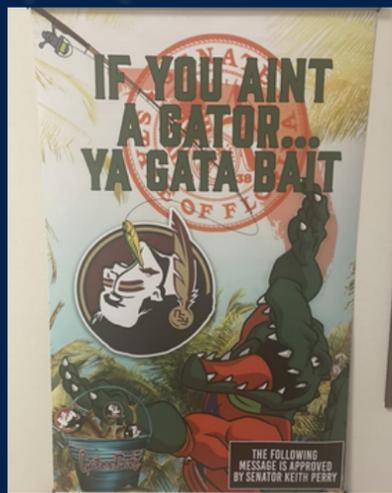
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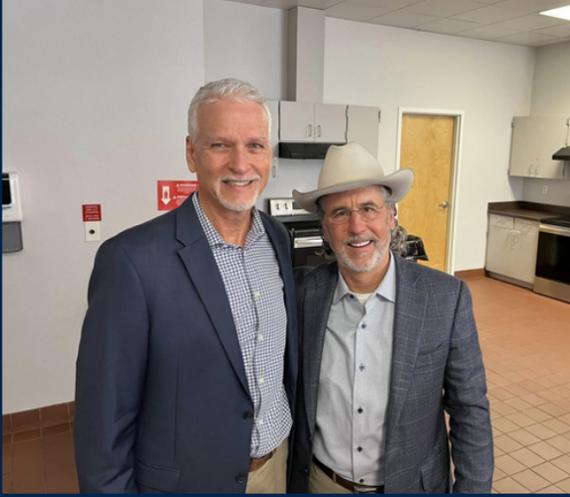
Gator Day at the Capitol

We celebrated Gator Day here in Tallahassee recently. As the Gator Caucus Chair, it was an honor to receive the Fighting Gator Award. It was a fantastic day to be a Florida Gator!





DISTRICT NEWS



Today my team and I joined Governor Ron DeSantis, FDOT Secretary Jared Purdue, CEO of Enterprise Florida and other local and state elected officials for the announcement of a \$4 million dollar Job Growth grant to develop a new interchange in Marion County.

The growth in Marion County and Ocala has been increasing and this opportunity to expand access to I-75 and bring a new Buc-ee's location to Central Florida will increase employment opportunities and offer a great spot for visitors to our state.

This will be the third Buc-ee's in Florida and it was great meeting Beaver Aplin, CEO of Buc-ee's.



SESSION UPDATE



We've had several bills pass on the Senate floor recently. Here's an overview:

SB 478 - Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Program



- SB 478 expands the current pilot program to establish it as a statewide grant.
- With this bill, Florida will lead the way in elementary education and make a real impact on our early learning initiatives.



SB 408 - Fire Sprinkler System Project Permitting



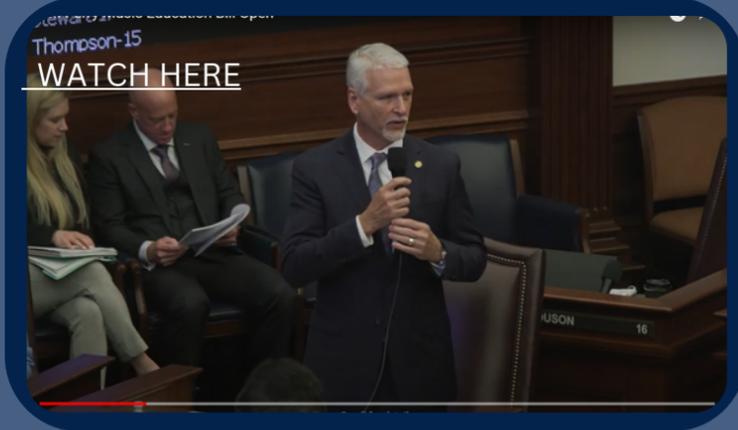
- SB 408 creates a fast-track permitting process for fire sprinkler system projects of twenty sprinklers or less.
- This bill brings much needed change for the construction industry and creates a more friendly regulatory environment for businesses to thrive.



SB 404 - Rex & Brody Act



- SB 404 creates an exemption from public records requirements for autopsy reports of minors whose deaths were related to acts of domestic violence.
- This would prevent the autopsy information from being shared in the media, as was the case with the namesakes of the bill, Rex & Brody Reinhart.



SB 7026 - Higher Education Finances



- CS/SB 7026 provides flexibility for state universities and colleges relating to the use of funds. Highlights:
- Removes restrictions on certain uses of carry forward fund balances, including caps on maintenance and remodeling projects and the requirement that funds only be used for nonrecurring operating expenditures and
- Authorizes state universities to waive out-of-state fees for student athletes receiving an athletic scholarship.

